

Accused in fatal crash out on bail

COLLISION Matthew Lesley Grimm was released on bail yesterday.

Grimm was charged with a number of offences in relation to the May 16 incident that killed David Alexander Julien, 15, of Dartmouth.

He appeared in court yesterday and was released with a surety of an unknown amount.

He will return to court on July 26.

Julien, a Prince Andrew high school student, was in the back seat of a white Honda Accord when it crashed into a pole on Cranberry Crescent in Dartmouth.

Grimm is charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, two counts of breach of an undertaking, one count of breach of probation and one count of failing to stop at the scene of an accident.

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Drunk driving Six-year sentence



Beverlee Jayne Russell is escorted from Dartmouth provincial court yesterday after she was sentenced to six years in prison. Russell pleaded guilty in March to five charges, including impaired driving causing death after a crash that killed retired schoolteacher Gary Pfinder and injured three others. Story, page 3.

Body of accused in Melvin Jr. case found: Cops

HOMICIDE Halifax Regional Police confirm human remains found on Newfoundland's Avalon Peninsula are those of a man wanted for conspiracy to commit murder against well-known Halifax crime figure Jimmy Melvin Jr.

RCMP in St. John's said yesterday the remains that were found Sunday are those of Daniel Edward Borden, 26, of Halifax and he died as the result of a shooting. "This is believed to be a homicide," Sgt. Wayne Newell said in an

interview yesterday. "We're still trying to piece things together."

No arrests have been made in Borden's death. Borden was last seen March 12 in St. John's. Halifax police

spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter confirmed the remains were those of Borden, who failed to show up for a court appearance in

Halifax in March.

Borden was charged in connection with the December 2008 shooting of Melvin Jr., a notorious Halifax-area criminal.

Police said the charges against Borden were upgraded to conspiracy to commit murder from accessory after the fact for attempted murder.

Borden's body was found Sunday by a pair of trout fishermen on a highway between North Harbour and Branch.

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Melvin Jr.

Secrecy slammed

AG attacks NDP for keeping documents under wraps

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Withholding hundreds of documents relating to business assistance programs upholds the "government's pervasive policy of secrecy," according to Nova Scotia auditor general Jacques Lapointe.

In a report released yesterday morning, Lapointe harshly criticized the NDP government for refusing to turn over 281 documents relating to Nova Scotia Business Incorporated and the province's Industrial Expansion Fund.

Lapointe's office had been attempting to audit NSBI and the IEF since last fall. Lapointe said he was forced to halt the audit when it became apparent the government was not willing to turn over the files.

Lapointe said the move puts the government in violation of the Auditor General's Act, criticizing "certain decisions made at the senior levels of government to withhold from (his) office a large number of documents related to financial assistance programs."

"Such a restriction on my ability to do my job violates the principle that government is ultimately accountable to the legislature," he said.

According to the NDP and NSBI, the information withheld was either confidential cabinet documents, or else fall under solicitor-client privilege.

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Jacques Lapointe

Finance Minister Graham Steele said turning over the documents would amount to the waiving of privileges, potentially opening up confidential information to third-party court challenges — a charge disputed by Lapointe.

But Steele said the law clearly states the auditor general's power doesn't extend to solicitor-client communications, citing a December 2000 decision in the Nova Scotia Supreme Court to that effect.

"That is the law of the province today," said Steele. "And we are puzzled by the auditor general's statement to the contrary."

Steele, a virulent critic of the auditor general while in opposition, said the government has been in talks with Lapointe's office to develop a legislative framework for turning the documents over. He said the legislation, originally planned for the spring session, will be a goal for the fall.

But Steele acknowledged the government should have acted sooner on the issue. "There's no question that we did make a mistake," he said.

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Infant's dad to stand trial for manslaughter

Ashiqur Rahman, left, will stand trial for manslaughter in the death of his seven-week-old daughter Aurora Breakthrough. Judge Anne Derrick made the ruling yesterday at Halifax provincial court that there was enough evidence to move forward following a preliminary hearing that lasted for one week in April. Final arguments were heard on Monday. Rahman will appear in Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax on June 17 to have a date set for trial. Rahman's daughter died in hospital on July 27.

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Teenager stabbed twice in back

CRIME A 17-year-old male was stabbed twice in the back late yesterday afternoon in north-end Halifax.

Halifax Regional Police say they were called to the 2400 block of Victory Lane around 5:30 p.m. and found the victim suffering from two stab wounds.

Police say the victim told them he was at the basketball courts on Creighton Street when he was attacked from behind.

He then turned and police say he saw a man dressed in black, who fled the area on foot. No other description of the suspect was given.

Police say the victim ran to Victory Lane to get help. From there, he was taken to the QEII Health Sciences Centre where he was being treated last night. The injuries weren't considered to be life-threatening.

Police are asking anyone with information about the incident to call police at 490-5016 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Machete found on man, police say

WEAPON Police say they found a large machete on a 21-year-old man on Albro Lake Road in Dartmouth on Tuesday night.

Halifax Regional Police say they arrested the man around 11 p.m. for breaching a court order because he isn't allowed to carry weapons for 10 years.

Police say it isn't known why he was carrying the machete, which was hidden from view in a sheath under his left arm.

The man is facing charges for carrying a weapon and breaching court orders.

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Russell gets 6 years in jail

Sentence includes 5 years for DUI causing death of man

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Beverlee Jayne Russell stood silently as she was sentenced to a six-year federal prison term yesterday for being impaired behind the wheel and causing the death of a Cole Harbour man and injuring several others last summer.

The 54-year-old Cole Harbour mother of two was emotional at times during the three-hour sentencing hearing at Dartmouth provincial court.

But when it came time for Associate Chief Judge Brian Gibson to hand down his sentence, Russell, sporting a purple jacket over a white summer dress, stood silent and looked mostly downward.

Gibson gave Russell a five-year prison term for impaired driving causing the death of 57-year-old retired teacher Gary Pfinder. She was then handed concurrent sentences of three, two and two years for separate counts of impaired driving causing bodily harm.

Gibson added an additional year of federal prison time for failing to stop at the scene of the first accident.

Crown attorney Paul Carver was asking for a prison sentence of eight years. Defence lawyer Pat Atherton suggested five to six years.

"It was a tragedy that shouldn't have happened," Gibson told the courtroom, adding it was Russell, and no one else, who decided to drink and then get behind the wheel.

On Aug. 3, 2009, Russell



Chuck Pfinder is embraced by his sisters Michelle Reid, left, and Iris Black after speaking to reporters at Dartmouth provincial court yesterday. Beverlee Jayne Russell was sentenced to six years in prison yesterday, in part for causing the death of Pfinder's brother Gary.



Beverlee Jayne Russell walks into her sentencing hearing at Dartmouth provincial court yesterday.

fled the scene of one collision on Cole Harbour Road before causing a second, multi-vehicle crash that claimed the life of Pfinder. The second crash took place at the intersection of

Cole Harbour Road and Forest Hills Parkway.

The court heard during sentencing that Russell, driving a maroon sedan, was over two times above the legal blood alcohol limit.

Driving ban

Beverlee Jayne Russell was also handed a 10-year ban on driving a motor vehicle. The Crown was looking for a lifetime ban.

it. She also slammed into the back of the Pfinder's car over two times the posted speed limit of 60 km/h.

Five seconds before impact, Russell's car was driving 128 km/h and at 100 per cent throttle.

"We thought it was going to be a bit stiffer than what it is," the victim's brother, Chuck Pfinder, said in regards to the sentence.

"But apparently this follows case law — and regardless of the length of the sentence, it's not going to bring our brother back."

'I cannot imagine the void I put in your life'

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APOLOGY Fighting back tears, Beverlee Jayne Russell looked at a dozen family members of Gary Pfinder and offered an apology. "I am truly sorry," she said inside the courtroom during her sentencing hearing yesterday.

"I cannot imagine the

void I put in your life," she also stated during her roughly minute-long prepared statement.

"I am alone responsible for my actions."

Russell, who pleaded guilty to the five charges she was being sentenced for, had only one previous criminal conviction, for assault back in 2004.

The court heard during sentencing that Russell

has battled alcoholism and depression for the past several years, which began around the time she separated from her husband.

She also had at least three times tried to commit suicide by overdosing on pain medication.

The most recent attempt was March 29, when she voluntarily admitted herself into hospital.

Prior to Russell speak-

ing, two of Pfinder's siblings read victim impact statements.

The first was Pfinder's younger brother Chuck, who said outside court that he felt Russell's apology was "sincere sounding."

"I do believe she is sorry," he said.

"What holds it back somewhat is she still has never admitted that she was drinking that day."

Traffic light pole hits pedestrian after van loses control in crash

COLE HARBOUR A driver of a van was charged yesterday after a collision at an intersection on Forest Hills Drive in Cole Harbour that led to a pedestrian being struck in the head by a traffic light pole.

Halifax RCMP allege a pickup truck was turning at the intersection around noontime when the driver of the van accelerated as the light turned yellow.

The van hit the pickup truck, lost control and crashed into a traffic light pole.

Police say the pole then fell and struck a 49-year-old pedestrian in the head. He was taken to the hospital with serious injuries that aren't life threatening.

The driver of the van was charged with failing to yield to a vehicle already in an intersection.

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3 injured in vehicle collision

BEDFORD Three young adults were hospitalized, including a male with possible life-threatening injuries, after a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Damascus Road and Duke Street in Bedford around 2 p.m. yesterday.

Halifax Regional Police say one vehicle turned in front of another and was struck. The occupants of a silver Volkswagen were the three injured, while the driver of the SUV wasn't hurt.

Paul Maynard of Emergency Health Services said the other two injured were both females and listed in stable condition at hospital. He didn't know the exact ages of the injured, but said they were all in their late teens or early 20s.

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A man with ties to the Halifax Hells Angels was transported by plane to Montreal from Nova Scotia yesterday by Quebec police. Jeffrey Albert Lynds, 42, was charged Tuesday with two counts of first-degree murder. The charges are in regards to two homicides on Jan. 24 in Montreal. **METRO HALIFAX**

Jazz fest readies last waltz for 'little village'

450 performers to take stage in week-long celebration's last year at standing location

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Organizers of the TD Halifax Jazz Festival are giving a last waltz to their 'little village.'

This will be the last year the Jazz fest will set up tents at the corner of Spring Garden Road and Queen Street in July. The city will begin construction of a new central library on the site in the fall, leaving the Jazz fest homeless.

"The organization is committed to capturing the spirit and dynamism in another location next year but we're not yet prepared to announce just where that might be," Chris Elson, president of the Jazz East Rising Association, told reporters yesterday.

In an interview, Elson said they are looking at several possibilities throughout the HRM.

"We're excited about them and it will involve some changes but we want

Some highlights of TD Halifax Jazz fest

July 9-17

- Opening night kicks off with hip-hop trio De La Soul.
- Acoustic and electric guitarist Alpha Yaya Diallo performs on July 12.
- Toronto's Molly Johnson sings sultry classics on July 13.
- Tel-Aviv band Boom Pam will get the crowd dancing on July 15.
- Fool's Gold, described as "Afro-Hebrew-soul-pop-dance," will go on stage on July 16.
- Halifax's Afro Musica and Salsa Picante will wind things up with a bang on July 17.

to maintain the same spirit and the village quality," he said. "I don't think we should rule anything out at this point."

But there are memories associated with this site, Elson added, and it will be missed.

The move is the focus of this year's theme: The last waltz. The lineup represents the eclectic music that has appeared on that stage over the past 13 years.

Events are not confined to the tents either: There will be contemporary-classical crossover music at St.

Paul's Anglican Church, workshops at different locations throughout the city, and late night jazz sessions in local pubs.

The Jazz fest also has a new name this year. Elson said they added the "Halifax" because they felt they needed to identify more with the city.

About 65,000 attend the week-long festival and this year it will feature 450 local, national and international performers.

Tickets go on sale today at noon and find information on the festival at www.halifaxjazzfestival.ca.



Bass player John Chiasson, drummer Damien Moynihan and saxophonist Rob Crowell entertain the crowd at yesterday's TD Halifax Jazz Festival launch. Organizers announced the lineup for this year's festival which runs from July 9 to 17.

Police warn of chimney sweep scam

COMPLAINTS Halifax Regional Police are warning the public about a chimney sweep scam and are urging Halifax residents to be wary when contracting workers to service their homes.

Police say they have received a number of complaints concerning a group who is going door to door in Halifax claiming they are professional chimney sweeps. Once they inspect a chimney, they claim it needs major work and overcharge the homeowner for incomplete work.

Police are offering these tips to homeowners:

- Always use reputable companies, and contact the Better Business Bureau to verify businesses' authenticity.
- Insist on a detailed quote of the work required.
- Ensure the bill itemizes the work done.
- Do not pay by cash unless you are sure of the legitimacy of the company and their work.
- Ensure the information on the receipt is correct, including the company name, address and phone number.

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Teams spruce up downtown

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CLEAN SWEEP Normally Rachele Dowell cleans hotel rooms, but yesterday she applied her cleaning skills to downtown streets.

"It's a very clean area but there are a lot of cigarette butts," said Dowell while she worked on Lower Water Street. "It's actually kind of disgusting."

Twenty-eight teams of 180 volunteers picked up garbage during the 16th Annual Clean Sweep event hosted by the Downtown Halifax Business Commission. Overall, teams picked up 58 bags worth of garbage, 29 bags of recycling, and nine bags of compost. This year's Most Unusual Garbage Item award went to the Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc. team for finding a matching pair of plastic skull candleholders.

"I found a metal pipe and a balloon from last summer with stuff in it," said Dowell, who works at Delta Barrington.

And all the cigarette butts made her want to quit smoking, she added.



Trish Patten picks up garbage along Lower Water Street during the 16th annual Clean Sweep yesterday. Corporate teams spruced up Halifax's downtown just in time for tourist season.

"I'm proud of our city. When our guests come and our tourists come I want it to be clean."

Trish Patten

Trish Patten with Cambridge Suites dressed up by wearing a plastic bag and pop cans attached to her

clothes.

"I just want to promote that we recycle and get everyone enthusiastic about it. I just look forward to this event every year," she said.

"I'm proud of our city. When our guests come and our tourists come I want it to be clean."

She said it's encouraging that she found less garbage than last year.

Common the place to gather this summer

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ENTERTAINMENT If you plan on playing baseball or Frisbee on the Halifax Common this summer, be aware it's going to be a very busy place.

To kick things off, the Cancer Society will be hosting a Relay for Life on the Central Common on Friday.

The Common will then accommodate one of the largest powwows in the nation from June 25 to June 27. The Mawio'mi Pow-Wow will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the baptism of Grand Chief Henri Membertou.

Activities for this event will occur on the majority of the Common and admission is free.

Two large rock concerts will occur on the North Common in the late summer. On July 23 and 24, Kid Rock, Weezer, and the Black Eyed Peas will be performing in Halifax Rocks 2010.

Johnny Reid and Alan Jackson will be headlining Country Rocks 2010 on August 6 and 7.

But it doesn't end with the summer. HRM employees will get to work in the fall preparing the Common as the site of the speed skating oval for the 2011 Canada Winter games in February.

Cape Bretoners hit by outage

CUT CABLE Thousands of people across Cape Breton were left without phone service, including the 911 emergency system, after a cut cable led to a widespread outage yesterday.

The outage affected 58,000 customers and included local and cell-phone usage, as well as Internet connections.

Michelle Perry of the Emergency Management Office says the outage lasted a couple of hours, with service being restored by about 2 p.m.

She says they haven't heard of any incidents involving people who had problems because they couldn't reach fire, health or police services.

Peter Murchland, a spokesman with Bell Aliant, says the disruption was the result of a cut cable in Dutch Brook, but the cause wasn't known.

A spokeswoman with the Cape Breton police service says she wasn't aware of any problems resulting from the outage.

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Thirty Grade 11 students from across HRM received Lieutenant Governor Education Medals at an awards ceremony yesterday at Musquodoboit Rural High School. The awards were presented to one female and one male student from each high school in the Halifax Regional School Board. **METRO HALIFAX**

Youth using health centres: Study

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OUTREACH A recent government survey shows youth health centres are effective in reaching out to kids.

Kids in 52 schools throughout the province access these health centres to get advice and support.

Recently the Health Promotion and Protection department evaluated them and found 86 per cent of students in these schools knew of them and more than half of those surveyed use them.

According to the evaluation:

- 25 per cent of students accessing the centres wanted to know about sexual health.
- 16 per cent were looking

"Students are afraid to go to hospitals and counselling, especially in such a small town where everyone knows everyone."

Chrissy Maine, Grade 12 student

for relationship advice such as bullying, boyfriend/girlfriend issues, family issues, violence and abuse.

- 15 per cent had questions about emotional health issues including eating disorders, stress or anxiety, depression, and self harm or suicidal thoughts.
- 13 per cent had concerns about physical health such as physical activity, injury or illness, and nutritional concerns.
- 39 per cent had other questions about teen parenting, racial and cultural concerns, housing and homelessness, gambling,

and school.

"Students are afraid to go to hospitals and counselling, especially in such a small town where everyone knows everyone. This sadly makes us put our health at the bottom of our lists," said Chrissy Maine, a Grade 12 student at Springhill Junior/Senior High School, in a release.

There are 19 Youth Health Centres in the HRM including one in Citadel high school that also serves five junior high schools.

The province funds \$800,000 to district health authorities to provide youth health centres.



Auditor general Jacques Lapointe appears before a public accounts committee at Province House yesterday. Lapointe says the provincial government is preventing him from doing his work by hiding information from him.

NBSI audit has hit a wall, Lapointe says

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Nova Scotia's auditor general said there is no way to know if proper financial and quality controls are in place for over \$255 million in provincial business assistance programs.

Auditor general Jacques Lapointe halted his office's audit into Nova Scotia Business Inc. and the cabinet-run Industrial Expansion Fund after the NDP and the NSBI refused to turn over close to 300 documents relating to the programs.

The government cited confidentiality of cabinet documents and solicitor-client privilege as the reason for withholding the information.

In a report released yesterday, Lapointe slammed government's decision,

denying his audit opinion — the most severe sanction available to his office.

"We do not know what information was withheld, for what reasons, what impact it might have had on our work," read the report. "This practice constitutes an unwarranted interference with the audit process. It represents poor accountability to the House of Assembly."

The audit, begun last fall, set out to evaluate the performance the two programs, and assess their controls over loans, payroll rebates, and other development incentives.

On Oct. 30, after both NSBI and the IEF refused to turn over all relevant files to his office, Lapointe wrote to Premier Darrell Dexter to request aid.

According to the report, senior management at the executive council office re-

sponded to Lapointe's request, saying they intended to find the means to provide his office with the information.

Some time later, the executive office told Lapointe he would not be allowed to view the documents he requested.

According to NSBI spokeswoman Sarah Levy, the organization sought out legal advice before responding to Lapointe's request, but left cabinet decisions up to cabinet.

"Some of the documents were reserved under cabinet privilege and others under solicitor-client privilege. We consulted with legal counsel before making our decision on solicitor-client privilege," she said.

"Cabinet privilege, on the other hand, belongs to cabinet. We deferred to executive council on that."

AG calls for better oversight of polluted sites

REPORT Auditor general Jacques Lapointe raised red flags yesterday about the management of contaminated sites in the province and what he called inadequate oversight of the mental health system.

In his latest report, Lapointe said the Environment Department needs to improve monitoring of polluted sites to ensure risks to third parties, human health and the environment are being appropriately addressed.

"We are concerned that there may be sites in the province for which unacceptable risks have not

been properly mitigated," he wrote.

"We identified sites where we believe monitoring activities did not take place in a timely manner."

Lapointe said in some instances the landowner or responsible person was not required to assess and address applicable risks or couldn't afford the cleanup.

He said at sites where cleanup was in progress and being monitored, there was nothing in place to ensure those presenting higher risks were given priority.

Among his many recom-

mendations Lapointe suggests the Environment Department keep cabinet informed about problem sites so the government can make informed decisions.

The auditor general also underlined his frustration with the Department of Health for refusing to hand over budget and planning documents for review.

After reviewing mental health standards adopted in 2003, Lapointe said he has yet to see a formal plan in place to address areas of non-compliance and funding.

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PMO rejects advice to expand G20 agenda

The Prime Minister's Office is rejecting a call from Paul Martin to expand the agenda of the G20 summit to include climate change and poverty. The former prime minister says Ottawa has a responsibility to put global warming and poverty at the top of the G20 agenda because they threaten the stability of the world just as much as economics. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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MPP to table 'bedbugs' bill

Tenants have a right to sleep tight and not let the bedbugs bite, says Ontario Liberal MPP Mike Colle. On Thursday he will introduce private member's legislation to protect tenants against the nasty parasites. The Renters' Right to Know Act would shield people from having to endure the unpleasantness of bedbug bites in their rented houses and apartments. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Twitter kind to political media, study claims

ONLINE Twitter is becoming a great place to have a political conversation in Canada — except for politicians, a new study has found.

Tamara Small, an assistant professor at Mount Allison University, has been analyzing political chitchat on Twitter, the social-media site. Twitter is proving to be a very friendly place for mainstream Canadian political media, Small found.

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Montreal Nazi soap?



Abraham, left, and Ivan Botines pose for a photo in their shop in Montreal, in March, where they are selling a controversial bar of soap, allegedly made by the Nazis with the remains of victims from the holocaust. Analysis reveals the soap tested negative for human or animal DNA.

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Kiss your free digital downloads goodbye

New copyright bill sets \$100-\$5,000 penalty for illegal copies

Sweeping new federal copyright legislation would allow companies to seek damages ranging from \$100 to \$5,000 from people who illegally copy digital material like games and music.

The wide-ranging bill touches on virtually every area of the digital superhighway, affecting consumers' relationship with DVDs, CDs, MP3 players, the Web, and even their Internet service providers.

The bill would create a new legal category for personal users, separate from the previous law that lumped people and businesses together and set the

What's illegal

- Breaking digital locks
- Enabling copyright infringement
- Having more than one backup copy of a song or movie

same \$1 million maximum penalty.

A key component of the new law would make it illegal to pick a digital lock and copy legally acquired material. The Conservative government says the new rules aim to bring Canada

in line with international standards while also appeasing the entertainment industry. The government said the digital-lock provision will be of particular help to the video-game industry.

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News in brief

CLAIM A Canadian activist detained during a deadly raid on an aid flotilla said his Israeli captors beat and imprisoned him after launching an attack on the ship he was travelling

on, CBC reported yesterday. Rifat Audeh was identified as one of three Canadians detained during the raid that took place in international waters Monday.

HUMAN RIGHTS New York-based Human Rights Watch warned that Canada's international reputation on human rights has "eroded."

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A man who allegedly ambushed an RCMP officer, stabbing him repeatedly in an interview room at the headquarters of Alberta's police investigative unit, is facing a total of 11 charges including attempted murder. Lee Christopher Monrose was charged yesterday in connection with Tuesday's incident. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Couples sparing no expense

Even with the ups and downs in the economy, a new survey finds couples planning to tie the knot aren't shying away from shelling out big bucks on their big day.

Weddingbells' annual reader survey of more than 1,200 brides-to-be across Canada found the average expected cost of a wedding is \$20,129 — up from \$19,279 in 2009.

"Given all the uncertain-

\$20,129 The average expected cost of a wedding in Canada in 2010 has risen almost \$1,000 from last year.

ty in the economy, one would expect that wedding budgets would be on the decline, but instead, we have found that couples are willing to spend big dollars to make their dream wedding happen," Weddingbells' editor-in-chief Alison McGill said in

a release.

"This means importance is placed on every detail leading up to their nuptials."

When it came to footing the bill, the survey found 47 per cent of couples planned to use their own savings to pay for their wed-

dings, 32 per cent rely on family contributions and 14 per cent take out loans.

Brides also clearly aren't sparing any expense on their wedding day attire with an average budget of \$1,093 for the bridal gown.

December ranked as the top month to pop the question with nearly one-quarter of proposals taking place during the last month on the calendar.

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Ottawa Burning question



A protester holds a sign outside Lansdowne Park yesterday in Ottawa as exhibitors and delegates of the CANSEC defence and security trade show leave. The annual trade show is organized by the Canadian Association of Defence and Security Industries.

Eco-friendliness lags in Canada: Survey

CONSUMERS India's environmental score rates a glowing green star, but Canada's is dim in a new poll of consumer behaviour around the globe.

While environmentally friendly behaviour has increased in 10 of 17 countries, said the survey by the National Geographic Society and the polling firm GlobeScan, Americans rated last for sustainable lifestyles, followed by Canadian and French consumers.

"We measured people's consumption patterns, housing, transportation habits and the kind of food they eat," said Eric Whan, GlobeScan's director of sustainability and environment in Toronto.

"Canadians ranked near the bottom."

And, he said, the environmental footprints of Indians, who rated top for sustainability, and second-ranked Brazilians, were far smaller than those of

large-living North Americans. The survey included China, Mexico, Russia, Hungary, Japan, Australia, Argentina, South Korea, France and Britain.

Tracking 65 indicators of consumption through online questions to 17,000 consumers worldwide, the poll showed that while Canadians talk the talk of eco-consciousness, they're slow to walk the walk.

Canadian motor vehicles are big and plentiful, it found, and households have an 83 per cent ownership rate that is 11 points higher than the average global sample.

Canadians are among the most likely to drive large vehicles, and the third least likely to walk or cycle to their destinations.

Only 42 per cent of those who responded to the poll in Canada said they walked or cycled, a 12 point drop from the international average of 54 per cent. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

News in brief

SHIPBUILDING The construction logjam of tens of billions of dollars in new Canadian navy and coast guard ships is finally expected to break today with the announcement of Ottawa's long-anticipated shipbuilding strategy. Defence Minister Peter MacKay, Fisheries Minister Gail Shea and Public Works Minister Rona Ambrose will re-

veal the plan in front of a gathering of defence contractors in Ottawa for a trade show and arms exhibition. The federal government has for a year tried to persuade competitors in shipbuilding to work with the federal government as it rolls out 50 large ship projects — worth an estimated \$40 billion — over the next 30 years.

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Green sturgeon added to U.S. protected list

New U.S. federal regulations will soon prohibit catching, killing or harming the rare caviar-producing North American green sturgeon. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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World



Only photo of Monroe & JFK for sale

The only known picture of Marilyn Monroe and John F. Kennedy is going up for sale at a West Hollywood art gallery. Taken at a party after the U.S. president's birthday gala in New York City on May 19, 1962, the photograph, left, shows Monroe in profile standing between Kennedy and his brother, Robert. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Bloodbath in Britain

Dozen killed as cabbie goes on shooting rampage

A taxi driver drove his vehicle on a shooting spree across a tranquil stretch of northwest England yesterday, methodically killing 12 people and wounding 25 others before turning the gun on himself, officials said.

The rampage in the county of Cumbria was Britain's deadliest mass shooting since 1996 and it jolted a country where handguns are banned and multiple shootings rare. The body of the suspected gunman, 52-year-old Derrick Bird, was found in woods near Boot, a hamlet popular with hikers and vacationers in England's hilly, scenic Lake District. Police said two weapons were recovered from the scene. Eight of the wounded were in the hospital, with three of them in critical condition. Queen Elizabeth II, who rarely issues statements responding to the news, said she shared in "the grief and horror of the whole country" and passed on her sympathy to the families of the victims.

Peter Leder, a taxi driver who knew Bird, said he had seen the gunman Tuesday and didn't notice anything that was obviously amiss.



Police officers attend the scene following one of the shootings in Whitehaven, England, yesterday.

But he was struck by Bird's departing words.

"When he left he said, 'See you Peter, but I won't see you again,'" Leder told Channel 4 News.

The first shootings were reported in the coastal town of Whitehaven, about 560 kilometres northwest of London. Witnesses said the dead there included two of Bird's fellow cabbies.

Police warned residents to stay indoors as they tracked the gunman's progress across the county. Witnesses described seeing the gunman driving around shooting from the window of his car. Victims died in Seascale and Egremont, near Whitehaven, and in Gosforth, where a farmer's son was shot dead in a field. Workers at the nearby Sell-

aford nuclear processing plant were ordered to stay inside while the gunman was on the loose.

Police said there were 30 separate crime scenes. Many bodies remained on the ground late yesterday, covered with sheets, awaiting the region's small and overstretched force of forensic officers.

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Israel drops plans to prosecute activists

MIDDLE EAST In an attempt to limit the diplomatic damage from its deadly raid on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla, Israel dropped plans yesterday to prosecute dozens of pro-Palestinian activists, opting instead to deport them all immediately.

The stunning reversal came as Israel faced increasingly sharp international condemnation for Monday's high-seas raid that ended when Israeli commandos killed nine activists.

The outcry included accusations of war crimes and a decision by Nicaragua to break diplomatic relations with Israel over the raid.

But Israeli officials said the decision not to prosecute any of the activists — despite suspicions that they were sent to attack Israeli forces on the ship — was primarily an attempt to control the damage to Israel's relations with Turkey, an unofficial sponsor of the flotilla.

Sent home

• Israel said five planes had taken off for Turkey and Greece, carrying 503 activists from the Gaza flotilla and bodies of nine people killed in the Israeli raid. Interior Ministry spokeswoman Sabine Hadad said one more plane was due to take off last night with the rest of the activists.

Israel is anxious to patch up ties with Turkey because it is the Jewish state's most important Muslim ally. At least four of the nine killed were Turkish and the ship Israel attacked was Turkish. Israel ordered families of its diplomats out of that country a day after Ankara branded the raid a "massacre."

Turkish lawmakers continued to express their outrage yesterday, calling on their government to review its political, military and economic ties with Israel.

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Another setback in effort to cap oil well

OIL SPILL The BP oil slick drifted perilously close to the Florida Panhandle's famous sugar-white beaches yesterday as a risky gambit to contain the leak by shearing off the well pipe ran into trouble a mile under the sea when the diamond-tipped saw became stuck.

BP says it was about halfway done slicing through the pipe when the diamond-tipped saw snagged.

The company said last night that it took 12 hours to free the saw and that preparations were underway to resume cutting.

The plan is to fit a cap on the blown-out well at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico to capture most of the spewing oil; the twisted, broken pipe had to be sliced first to allow a snug fit.

"I don't think the issue is whether or not we can

make the second cut. It's about how fine we can make it, how smooth we can make it," said Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man for the crisis.

Allen said more staff, boats and helicopters were sent to the eastern Gulf Coast as the slick spread.

The boats will help skim oil and add more protective boom to collect it. Four helicopters would help skimmers spot threatening oil.

Forecasters said the oil would probably wash up by Friday.

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Jacko's hometown to build museum

INDIANA Work could begin next year on a \$300-million US museum and arts centre dedicated to Michael Jackson in his hometown, his father and Gary, Indiana, officials announced yesterday.

The late singer last visited Gary in 2003 to talk about the project, but no progress was made on it before his death last year. His father, Joe Jackson, said yesterday that he was "just carrying out his legacy" by getting involved.

After years of promises about the project but no action, residents of the problem-ridden city were cautiously optimistic.

People said they were hopeful because the announcement was the furthest along the project has ever come, with the city's donation of 300 acres of land.

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French media baron goes on trial

PARIS The once-jetsetting Jean-Marie Messier, who transformed a stodgy water company into media giant Vivendi Universal, went on trial in Paris yesterday on charges he misled investors about the company's health as it took on billions of dollars of debt and neared bankruptcy.

Messier is on trial with six others, including American Edgar Bronfman Jr., a former top Vivendi executive and now CEO of Warner Music Group. Messier could face up to five years in prison and 350,000 euros in fines if convicted.

In the courtroom, Messier showed contrition and admitted to mistakes — but insisted that his strategic decisions were made in the interest of the company.

"Did we make errors in strategy? Yes, without a doubt. As director, I take re-



Edgar Bronfman Jr., left, president and CEO of Seagram, and Jean-Marie Messier, chairman and CEO of Vivendi.

sponsibility for them," he said, acknowledging a failure to anticipate technological troubles in the media world.

Messier, once the golden boy of French business, said he gained in 2002 a reputation for "an excess of provocation."

That was a reference to his quip that France's "cultural exception" was dead, which inflamed many high-

brow French artists and intellectuals.

The trial is Act Two in the courtroom drama for Vivendi, after a similar trial in New York.

The U.S. District Court in Manhattan ruled in January against Vivendi SA and in favour of U.S. and European shareholders who said the media group lied to the public about its shaky finances. The court ruled that Messier himself was not liable.

In the French case, Vivendi SA is itself one of the plaintiffs, alongside shareholders.

The French investigation began in 2002. Investigators looked into shareholder accusations that the company published false balance sheets for the fiscal years 2000 and 2001 and issued deceptive information about its forecasts.

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The heart grows fonder

Relating

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Sometimes the person is right, but the timing is all wrong. Elizabeth and George met eight years ago.

"I thought he was the most honourable, decent, thoughtful and compassionate guy I'd (ever) met ... and that my search was over."

The couple were happy for a while, but due to conflicting schedules and the fact that they were in different places in their lives, the relationship ended. Elizabeth had other serious relationships, but always compared them to her ex.

Fast forward to 2010. George sends Elizabeth a Facebook friendship request and his phone number. When she calls, he asks her out to dinner. The couple has since reunited and things are going well.

"We are more mature, less afraid and more confident," Elizabeth says. "Dating other people made us realize what we had with each other."

Jimmy Buffett called it Boomerang Love. But we're not talking about that tire-some couple who break up and reconcile every few weeks. (Seriously, get it together!) This is about realizing, years later, that someone you were once with might have been The One.

Shannon and Doug met at a sporting arena where she worked as a hostess. "I was serving him and just thought he was gorgeous," she recalls. "I was like, 'Where's my name tag because I don't remember my name right now.'"

Doug was visiting from an American city, but the two exchanged contact information and eventually began a long-distance relationship.

It worked for a while. And then it didn't.

Shannon distanced herself from Doug and started dating someone else, eventually marrying him. But she was never able to shake the memory of Doug.

"I thought about him on

my wedding day," she admits. "Just before I walked out, I wondered what he was doing."

The marriage didn't last. After Shannon filed for divorce, a random email from Doug rekindled their dormant friendship. The pair are now engaged and she's moved her life to be with him.

"He is how people should treat other people in relationships. He's chivalrous, he's respectful and he loves me unconditionally. And he thinks that I'm the most beautiful woman in the whole entire world and I feel that every day."

Life isn't always a Disney princess movie, but sometimes it has a funny way of working itself out.

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

BP'S LATEST PLAN TO CONTAIN THE SPILL: OIL ANGELS



Quote of the Day

"Canada is pretty persistently the top country of any reasonable size that has achieved this level of Facebook penetration."

— JUSTIN SMITH, FOUNDER OF INSIDE NETWORK, AS CANADA PASSED THE 16-MILLION USERS MARK IN MAY, ACCORDING TO THE RESEARCH FIRM. AN ESTIMATED 47.9 PER CENT OF CANADIANS ARE ON FACEBOOK, MAKING CANADA ONE OF THE MOST PLUGGED-IN COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, SMITH SAID.

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The iPad came first

Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs has shared a secret with his audience at a technology conference outside Los Angeles: The idea for the iPad came before the iPhone. Jobs says he had the idea to ditch the keyboard for what he calls a multi-touch display in the early 2000s, although the company was working on a telephone at the time. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Nano car Ready to roll



Tata Group chairman Ratan Tata, left, and Chief Minister of Gujarat state Narendra Modi gesture before rolling out the first Tata Nano from the new Nano plant in Sanand, India, yesterday. Tata Motors inaugurated the factory to produce its super-cheap compact Nano car, nearly two years after violent farmer protests forced the company to relocate. The new factory promises to unleash production of the pint-sized car, which Tata plans to export to Europe, and eventually the U.S.

Housing cools off

The once white hot resale housing market is cooling significantly and prices should remain flat the rest of this year and fall in 2011, economists say.

"We've had this immensely powerful sellers' market and ... there could be a very rapid transition so that it now becomes a buyers' market," said Will Dunning of the Canadian

Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals.

The Canadian Real Estate Association yesterday lowered its 2010 national forecast for resale transactions following a weaker than anticipated start to the year in British Columbia, Ontario and Alberta.

CREA also revised its projected housing price increases for this year, saying

Rates rising

• CREA's revision comes a day after the Bank of Canada announced it was hiking its key lending rate from an emergency low of 0.25 per cent to 0.5 per cent.

the increase is expected to be just 1.6 per cent over 2009.

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Suicides lead to 30% pay hike

MANUFACTURING The Taiwan company that makes iPads and other gadgets is raising the pay of its workers in China after a spate of suicides.

Foxconn Technology Group, shaken by the suicides at its China plants, says today it is raising the pay of workers by 30 per cent, a greater increase than first planned.

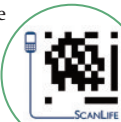
The company, which

makes iPhones, iPads and other electronic items, says the pay increase will take effect immediately at its plants across China.

The basic salary at Foxconn's China plants is about 900 yuan (\$130) per month.

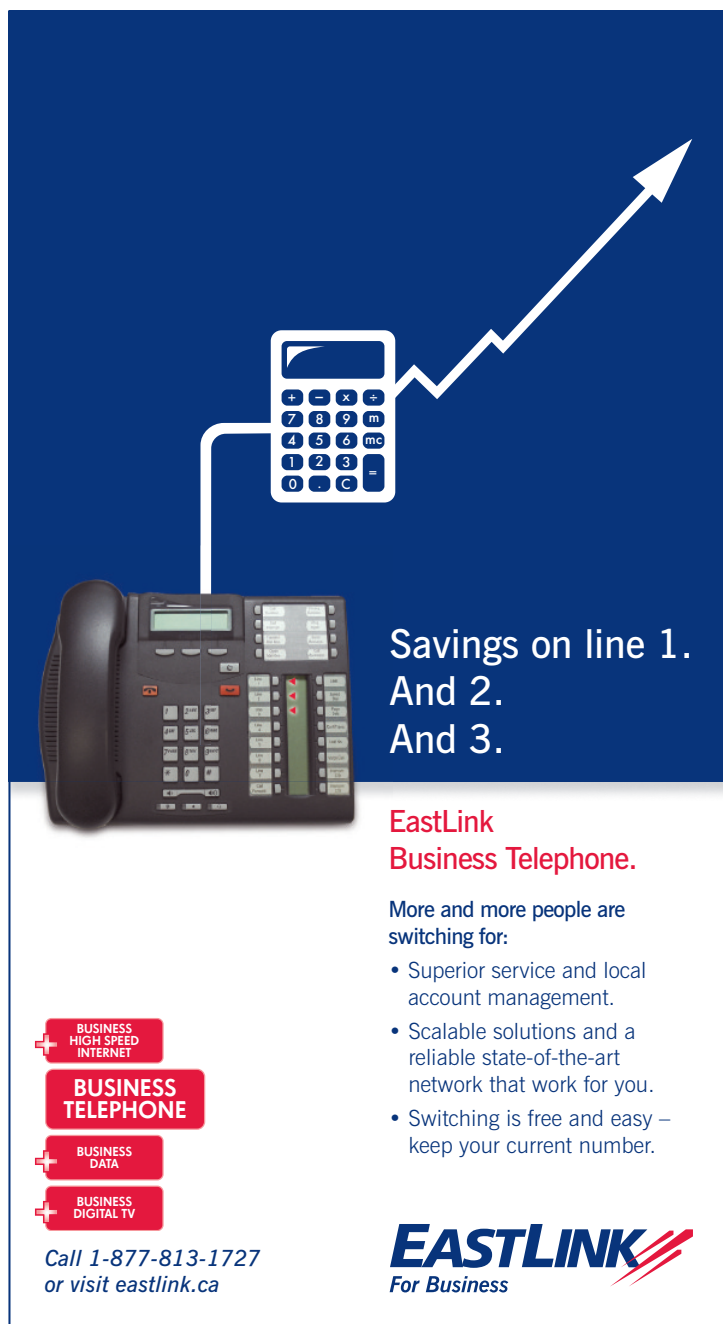
Ten workers have killed themselves at Foxconn's op-

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Natural gas to burn

Enough for 100 years: Gas company CEO

Canada is rushing too quickly into expensive renewable energy, when natural gas offers some breathing room on energy supply, says Greg Ebel.

Ebel has an interest in the issue. As chief executive of Houston-based Spectra Energy, which owns Union Gas, he's in the natural gas pipeline business.

But Ebel says the development of shale gas deposits has so vastly in-

creased reserves of relatively clean energy in North America that there's time to take a more measured approach to renewables.

Speaking in Toronto yesterday, Ebel argued that the development of shale gas



Greg Ebel

deposits in northeastern North America has changed the energy picture.

Shale gas is trapped in rock up to 10,000 feet deep. Energy companies have now developed techniques to shatter the rock deep underground, releasing the gas, which is then piped to the surface.

Ebel figures that today's shale reserves give North America a 100-year supply of gas. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Newfoundland moves to ease oil spill worries

ENERGY The federal-provincial board that regulates oil activity off Newfoundland is trying to ease public concerns about deepsea drilling.

Max Ruelokke, head of the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, said yesterday that anecdotal evidence suggests the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was caused by crew error. He said faulty procedures used to terminate the well

in the Gulf apparently allowed gas to enter instead and caused an explosion. And while there's no guarantee an accident won't happen off Newfoundland, he said the board has stepped up safety oversight.

The leader of the NDP in Newfoundland and Labrador, Lorraine Michael, and other critics have called for a halt to deepsea drilling off the province. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

In brief

EMPLOYMENT Another labour shortage appears to be looming in Canada's oil and gas industry. The Petroleum Human Resources Council of Canada says in a new study that it looked at how many workers the oil and gas sector will need between 2009 and 2020. The council says more than 100,000 workers will be required over the next decade to support new oil and gas activity and replace retiring workers. Of those, about 65,000 workers will be in the oil and gas industry's core jobs.

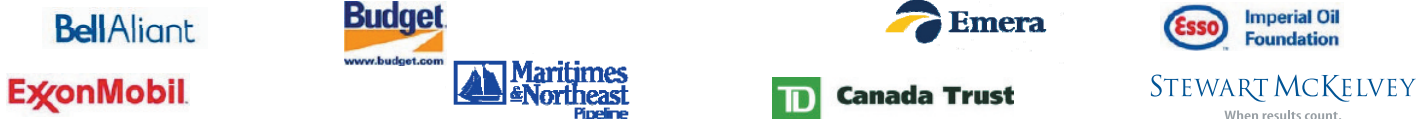
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Meilleur headed to Montreal Juniors: Sources

Sources tell the Cape Breton Post that defenceman Francis Meilleur is headed to the Montreal Juniors when the QMJHL trade period opens on Friday. Meilleur, an offensive defenceman, would head to Montreal to complete a mid-season trade for Pier-Antoine Dion. **METRO HALIFAX**

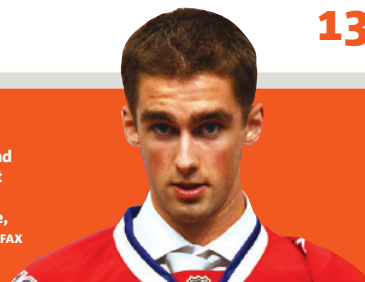
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Leblanc to play in Q?

Montreal Canadiens first-round pick Louis Leblanc could end up in the QMJHL next season after just one year of NCAA at Harvard. His junior rights belong to the Chicoutimi Saguenéens, but a trade to the Montreal Juniors is possible, according to the Montreal Gazette.

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Draft plans get a shakeup

Top-ranked Matheson decides to forgo major junior for NCAA

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The Baie-Comeau Drakkar aren't giving up on Michael Matheson — at least not yet. The Halifax Mooseheads, meanwhile, are staying mum.

The Drakkar, who hold the top pick in Saturday's QMJHL draft in Drummondville, Que., are discouraged but not defeated after Matheson, the top-ranked prospect, went public yesterday with his decision to eschew major junior for the NCAA.

Matheson's father, Ron, told Montreal's West Island Gazette he was "no big fan of the Q" in the first place and after visits to Baie-Comeau to meet the Drakkar and Halifax to meet the Mooseheads, who pick second overall, his opinion remains basically



Michael Matheson

unchanged.

"They've come a long way," he told the paper, of Q teams. "Unfortunately, they don't tell their story very well."

Michael Matheson will return to his midget AAA team in Lac St. Louis, Que., and then head to the United States Hockey League in 2011-12, Ron said.

Drakkar general manager Steve Ahern, who told Metro last week he had

made a "clear decision" to take Matheson, said the situation is murkier now but he's still in pursuit of the swift-skating puck-mover.

"It makes me feel bad for the moment, but I have to put some good things on the table," Ahern said. "I have to do my homework and I have until Friday night to make something happen. We're not finished (yet). We're finished at 10 (a.m.) on Saturday."

A source told Metro earlier this week the Mooseheads are prepared to take sniper Luca Ciampini second overall to shore up their offensively-chal-

lenged roster. But would

they grab Matheson if the Drakkar went for another prospect at No. 1 such as Ciampini or hard-shooting blueliner Dominic Poulin?

"We're not saying

yes, we're not saying no," said Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell. "We're not going to tip our hand to anybody."

Matthew Wuest is attending the draft in Drummondville, Que. Follow his coverage at www.metronews.ca/qfiles and @metroqfiles on Twitter.

Nova Scotia scouting notes

• Patrick Charbonneau, the director of Central Scouting with the QMJHL, provided scouting reports to Metro on Nova Scotians ranked in the first round for Saturday's draft, as well as Halifax-area prospects ranked in the top five rounds (listed with position, height, weight and major midget team).

ROUND 1

6. F **Taylor Burke**, 6-0, 190, Cole Harbour. Best forward from the Maritimes ... Extremely strong skater ... Loves to score goals from the slot ... Imposing physique ... Dominates in corners.

7. F **Liam O'Brien**, 6-1, 184, Notre Dame. Complete two-way player ... Strong skater ... Forechecks hard and finishes checks ... Best work ethic of anybody ranked in the top seven.

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18. G **Jacob Brennan**, 6-0, 158, Halifax. Always at the top of his crease, challenging shooters ... Wants to play NCAA ... His determination to stop the puck is second to none.

ROUND 2

28. D **Brendan Duke**, 5-11,

187, Cole Harbour. Efficient defensive defenceman ... Makes a good first pass ... Not shy physically.

29. F **Michael Clarke**, 5-11, 187, Cole Harbour. Among the most talented Maritimers available ... Skating a weakness ... Boasts a pro shot.

ROUND 3

41. F **Ryan Penny**, 6-0, 174, Dartmouth. Good skater with good size ... Likes physical play ... Goes into traffic to score.

46. F **Devon Oliver-Dares**, 5-11, 176, Dartmouth. North-south winger ... Needs to play a physical game more consistently.

ROUND 4

61. D **Mitchell Shewfelt**, 5-9, 172, Dartmouth. Small stature, big game ... Finished at the top of the list in Central Scouting's physical tests ... Wins 1-on-1 battles ... Puck-mover with a hard shot.

72. F **Mark Tremaine**, 5-11, 182, Dartmouth. Defensive-minded forward ... Plays a power game but limited offensively.

ROUND 5

77. F **Brandon Boutilier**, 5-10, 161, Halifax. One of most combative players in the draft ... Dominates along the boards ... Good skater and two-way player.

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO HALIFAX

Halifax's Burke leaves strong impression on scouts

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HOCKEY When the spotlight shines the brightest, most athletes want to be at their best. Taylor Burke didn't have that luxury.

With scouts swarming the Atlantic major midget hockey championships in Tantallon in March to evaluate top QMJHL draft prospects, the 15-year-old west-end Halifax native found himself dealing with an unpleasant medial collateral ligament sprain.

Not good timing. "I played through it," he said. "It affected my play a little bit, but I didn't want to let my team down. I wanted to do whatever I could to help the team out and help us win."

Burke was sixth in Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey League scoring in the regular season with 21 goals and 32 assists for 53 points in 34 games with Cole Harbour. He then bullied his way to the top of scouting lists by adding 12 points in 10 playoff games en route to a championship.

But at Atlantic, he produced just a goal and an as-



At sixth overall, Taylor Burke is the highest-ranked Nova Scotian for the QMJHL draft.

sist in five games. It didn't turn many heads, but it was a gutsy showing. The good news? It didn't hurt him much.

The six-foot-one, 196-pound west-end Halifax native is the highest-ranked Nova Scotian for Saturday's QMJHL draft at sixth overall.

"He proved to us he can play in the league right away and step up and have

a big impact," said Central Scouting's Patrick Charbonneau. "He's a strong kid, likes to go to the net, scores most of his goals close to the goalie and he's not scared to finish a check and play in traffic."

One scout likened Burke to a young James Sheppard, a former first overall pick who starred with the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles.

But if Burke wants to be the junior player Sheppard was, skating is one area he'll need to touch up. Just like Sheppard did a half-decade ago.

"It's harder for bigger guys to have same the speed, quickness and agility as the smaller guys, but you can work on it and get better at it," Burke said. "It can take you to the next level if you do."

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Scott Hartnell of the Philadelphia Flyers scores a goal against Antti Niemi of the Chicago Blackhawks last night at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia.

Flyers back in it

(Chicago leads series 2-1)

Blackhawks 3 Flyers 4 (OT)



Twice, the Philadelphia Flyers needed video replay to decide if a goal counted.

One did, one didn't. Claude Giroux didn't need the officials to check his winner.

Giroux scored 5:59 into overtime to give the Flyers a 4-3 overtime victory over Chicago in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup finals last night, cutting the Blackhawks' series lead to 2-1. Game 4 is Friday night in Philadelphia.

Giroux scored on a deflection off Matt Carle's pass, beating Antti Niemi to decide the third straight one-goal game in the series.

The Blackhawks, trying to win their first Stanley Cup title since 1961, snapped a seven-game winning streak and a seven-game road winning

streak.

Giroux ended the game moments after Simon Gagne thought he scored the winner, only to have replay officials rule the puck didn't cross the goal line.

The game kept going — but not for long.

It was the second time replay was needed to determine a Flyers' goal. They went 1 for 2 — but, oh, how huge that one was for the Flyers in their first Stanley Cup home game since 1997.

Scott Hartnell had a no-goal overturned by replay to spark the Flyers to their first Cup win since 1987. Danny Briere and Ville Leino also scored for the Flyers, helping them win a game they desperately needed to avoid their second 3-0 hole of the playoffs. Michael Leighton made 24 saves for the Flyers.

Giroux's goal was the only shot in OT for the Flyers. Niemi stopped 28 shots in the third straight thriller in the series.

Duncan Keith, Brent

Sopel and Patrick Kane scored for the Blackhawks.

The Flyers were the beneficiary of replay to win this one.

The Flyers heard the goal horn twice on one goal midway through the second period to go up 2-1.

Chris Pronger's power-play slap shot was deflected by Hartnell, trickled through Niemi and eked past the red line. Blackhawks defenceman Niklas Hjalmarsson diving stab at the puck cleared it back onto the ice as the goal horn sounded.

Flyers fans were irate over the blown call as play continued for another 1:42 even as the red light spun like a siren light.

When play stopped, officials reviewed the play. Flyers fans howled in delight and coach Peter Laviolette watched stern-faced as numerous replays on the big screen showed, in fact, the goal was good.

Referee Bill McCreary skated on the ice and declared, "Upon further review, we have a good goal."

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Bryant, Pierce aiming for banner years

NBA When Kobe Bryant joined the Lakers and Paul Pierce landed with the Celtics in the late 1990s, they both learned most of what they needed to know about their franchises' histories and expectations simply by looking at the forests of fabric high above the court.

These teams only hang banners for championships, and they're usually in big groups.

Multiple titles are the only metric of success, the only validation still

interesting to Bryant and Pierce. Bryant is trying to accomplish the rarest of NBA feats for the second time in his career, while Pierce's Celtics get their first chance when the NBA finals begin tonight at Staples Center.

"It's going to mean everything for my career because a lot of guys have won one, and not many have won a couple," Pierce said yesterday before Boston practised at Staples Center.

Pro basketball's most successful franchises are together in the NBA finals for the second time in three years and the 12th time overall. These teams will have won 33 of the league's 64 titles when they finish a potentially fascinating series with plenty of modern subplots.

"We're always focused on winning a championship," Bryant said. "And when you do it, you want to do it again and again."

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Sports in brief

NHL The blindsides hit to the head will carry severe penalties next season if the NHL's general managers have their way. The league's 30 general managers are recommending a rule that would see players receive a five-minute penalty and a game misconduct, with possible supplemental discipline, for lateral or blindsides hits to the head with the shoulder.

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Serena out, as Stosur records another upset

TENNIS Top-ranked Serena Williams was eliminated in the French Open quarter-finals yesterday, squandering a match point and losing to Australian spoiler Samantha Stosur, 6-2, 6-7 (2), 8-6.

A 12-time Grand Slam champion, Williams won her only French Open title in 2002 and hasn't been to the semifinals since 2003.

"I guess it's a redundant story with me," she said. "It was my match, and I lost it."

The upset was the second in a row for the No. 7-seeded Stosur, and surprises

keep coming at Roland Garros.

Four-time champion Rafael Nadal defied the trend, beating No. 19 Nicolas Almagro 7-6 (2), 7-6 (3), 6-4 in an all-Spanish quarter-final. But No. 3 Novak Djokovic lost to Jurgen Melzer, who earned his first Grand Slam semifinal berth at age 29 by rallying to win 3-6, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (3), 6-4.

On Monday, Stosur ended four-time champion Justine Henin's Roland Garros winning streak at 24 matches in the fourth round. On Tuesday, top-ranked Roger

Federer lost to Robin Soderling.

Then Williams made her exit, with stretches of brilliant tennis by Stosur hastening the departure. The Australian, long regarded as a doubles specialist, used her forceful forehand to build a lead, winning 17 consecutive points during one stretch.

Williams mounted one of her patented comebacks, and as the tension built in an error-filled third set, she needed only one point in the 10th game for the victory.

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Metro World News



What energy crisis?

Niklas and Louise Scott run their dishwasher daily, watch movies on a 72-inch screen and walk on heated floors. But soaring energy prices are no concern for them. In fact, they are not even connected to the grid.

After years of planning and experimenting with solar panels in their previous home, the Swedish couple decided to go all the way last year.

"When we told our friends about it, most of them thought we would fail miserably," Niklas said.

But the self-sufficient house stood ready in September last year. It is built with super insulated, rodent-repellent foam glass from recycled bottles.

Later that year, Sweden's coldest winter for 50 years arrived.

Niklas said it was a perfect test and added: "We made it through and we didn't even have the wind power station up."

The money the couple saved from not connecting to the grid was invested in just over 400 square feet of rooftop solar panels. In the unlikely event of a total solar eclipse combined with a total lack of wind, a room full of batteries will keep everything running for two weeks.

Niklas said: "On a sunny summer day the house will produce 10 times more energy than it needs. I'm thinking of installing air conditioning this summer."

Now he measures every watt that leaves or comes into the house (the family cats Hampus and Razmus each generate 20 watts of energy per hour with their body heat) and plans to harvest water coming down the waterspout with a mini-powerplant that can charge a laptop during a downpour.



Top right: Niklas Scott shows off the solar panels atop his home, which is not even connected to the power grid. Right: A shot of the home's super-insulated windows. Top left: The exterior. Above: Niklas and his wife Louise enjoy the comforts of their green electricity.



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Girls in spikes

Meet the duo behind your favorite pop stars' glam looks

KENYA HUNT
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"It's crazy in here right now. We've got candies and cupcakes in one corner and then spikes, knives and daggers in the other," says Phillippe Blond, one half of the glittery, New York-based design duo, The Blonds.

He's talking about their work studio, which seems to get increasingly busier as their popularity grows.

They're the costumer of choice for pop music's starriest ladies. Lady Gaga, Rihanna, Fergie and Christina Aguilera have all worn The Blonds' spiky, studded corsets and dresses. To place them even further in "Ones To Watch" territory, their work is featured prominently in *Sex and the City 2*. The business partners and lovers open up.

Q How did you two meet?

A David: It was 10 years ago at the Roxy of all places. When I saw Phillippe, he was super thin and dressed in this cute outfit. He looked like a dancer. So that was my pick-up line. It all started for us at a nightclub.

Q Is that the setting you envision your clothes working in best? They do have a lot of



New York design duo The Blonds are renowned for the over-the-top, studded, rhinestone-encrusted, glam ensembles, which celebrities like Rihanna, Fergie, Christina Aguilera and Lady Gaga have all embraced. Pictured: (left to right) Phillippe and David Blond.

spikes and studs.

A David: I mean, generally the only way you can get away with things like that is by wearing them out at night or on the stage. We don't do all corsets all the time. But when we have the opportunity to dress these modern day showgirls, we do them a lot.

Phillippe: The corset is probably our most requested item.

Q What has been the biggest influence on your work?

A David: Our main inspiration is the female form. Talk about inspiring. Wars have been waged over it. It's the most famous silhouette you can think of. So we like to use the corset to exaggerate and enhance it. **Phillippe:** I used to be really obsessed with (the cartoon) Jem and the Holograms and

She-Ra when I was growing up. They were so ahead of their time with the whole transformation of going from casual to glamorous. That obsession kind of evolved into our current madness — that '80s sensibility that more is more. More is more, and more is better!

David: Bob Mackie is another one. We just went to see this show in Vegas called Jubilee. It was a Bob Mackie explosion. I couldn't even

The Blonds look

► Sarah Jessica Parker and Kim Cattrall wearing jeans and a dress by The Blonds respectively.
► Rihanna in The Blonds.



take it, so insane. It was 50 years of drag and insanity.

who was like "Oh my God, I need those." So we ended up making her a pair.

Q How did you come about being featured in SATC2?

A Phillippe: We got a crazy, intense phone call from Pat (Field). She was so excited about these jeans that we had done. They were just these embellished bleached stretch jeans with spikes and studs. Pat called and was explaining what she wanted and she suddenly put Sarah on the phone,

Q And last, what's with all the spikes?

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Twilight actress Kristen Stewart revealed to the British version of Elle that she has a stalker, femalefirst.co.uk reports. "I'm pretty certain that it's some girl who got my number from someone I went to school with who's like, 'I've got Kristen Stewart's number,'" she said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Entertainment

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'Mortal Kombat' with electric guitars

With a hit Broadway show and now their own edition of the Rock Band franchise, Green Day is establishing themselves as a punk rock brand.

"I just like being diverse and trying new things as far as Green Day is concerned," says frontman Billie Joe Armstrong.

The Grammy-winning, multiplatinum trio joins the Beatles as the only other act immortalized in Rock Band; the video game is being released next Tuesday. "It's like a glorified karaoke machine," Armstrong said. "Or Mortal Kombat with guitars."

As players progress

through the game, they gain access into the band's media vault, where they can unlock rare collectible images, and over 40 minutes of unreleased video. These include performances, outtakes, interviews, and even a tour of their transportation.

"You see old footage of us from the Bookmobile, and weird old performances and stuff no one's looked at in almost twenty years," Armstrong said.

Bits from those old performances help recreate the kinetic energy of the band playing live.

Developers went through many hours of footage to get it right, and even used stand-in performers to fine-tune the computer-generated version on the punk rock trio.

"As far as video games



The Green Day edition of Rock Band is out next Tuesday.

are concerned it's pretty close," Armstrong said. "The Beatles wrote some of the greatest songs ever, but it wasn't challenging to get their movement

down (on Rock Band) because they didn't really move that much."

In the game, players perform in three different venues, each significant to the band. There's a punk rock club, which is an amalga-

mation of various places Green Day played in the early days; the Fox Theater in their hometown in Oakland, California; and the site of their first stadium show.

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30 Rock

Ordered to add some fresh blood to the show, Liz and Pete (Tina Fey, Scott Adsit) try to rig the audition process to ensure that the performer they want gets the gig, while Tracy and Jenna (Tracy Morgan, Jane Krakowski) decide they should conduct their own search for the next "TGS" star — one who won't steal any of their own thunder. NBC News anchor Brian Williams makes a funny cameo appearance in "Audition Day." Alec Baldwin also stars. 10:30 PM on NBC



Killer Comebacks

The series chronicling how certain stars rise, fall and rise again returns for a new season with an episode focusing on Ellen DeGeneres. When she and her sitcom character came out of the closet, it was one of 1997's top entertainment stories, but the show's popularity fell off, and it left the air in 1998. DeGeneres didn't disappear, but she's become far more visible in recent years with her daytime talk show and her new berth as a judge on "American Idol." 12 PM on TROP

Sheen reaches agreement

Charlie Sheen has reached an agreement with authorities in Colorado over domestic violence allegations involving the actor's wife, a prosecutor said yesterday.

The agreement was confirmed by Chief Deputy District Attorney Arnold Mordkin, who declined to disclose details.

Sheen has pleaded not guilty to menacing, criminal mischief and assault charges stemming from an argument with his wife, Brooke Mueller Sheen, on Christmas Day at an Aspen home where they were on vacation.

The most serious charge is menacing, a felony that carries a maximum three-year prison sentence.

Sheen's attorney Richard Cummins did not immediately return phone messages seeking comment.

Sheen is scheduled to be in court Monday for a disposition hearing. His trial had been scheduled for July 21.

Cummins had sought to have statements thrown out that the Two and a Half Men actor made to police investigating the case. Cummins argued that an officer questioned Sheen in the basement of a house without advising him of his right to remain silent.

Charlie Sheen denied threatening or hitting his wife but told police that he



Actor Charlie Sheen has pleaded not guilty to assault and menacing charges stemming from an argument with his wife.

broke two pairs of her eyeglasses in front of her.

A police officer's arrest affidavit quoted Brooke Sheen as saying the actor pinned her on a bed while holding a knife to her throat and making a threat.

An audio recording of a police emergency call, a woman who identifies her-

self as Brooke tells the dispatcher, "I thought I was gonna die for one hour."

Brooke Sheen's attorney, Yale Galanter, previously said that Brooke Sheen had asked prosecutors to drop the case.

Galanter did not immediately return a message left by The Associated Press.

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Kilmer faces county board for NM quip

CELEB Actor Val Kilmer is set to appear before a board of county commissioners in New Mexico to explain derogatory comments he's been quoted as making about the state.

San Miguel County Attorney Jesus Lopez says the manager of Kilmer's Pecos River Ranch told officials the "Batman Forever" actor plans to show up on June 23.

A 2003 Rolling Stone article quoted Kilmer as saying he lives in the "homi-

cide capital of the Southwest" and that 80 per cent "of the people in my county are drunk."

Kilmer has denied the statements.

Kilmer wants the county to approve a permit allowing him to rent out three guest houses on his ranch. The county's planning and zoning commission approved the request, but the county commission wants him to explain his earlier remarks.

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Pitt joins U.S. bid for World Cup

SOCCER The United States has added more star power to its bid for the 2018 or 2022 World Cups, putting actor Brad Pitt on the committee trying to bring back soccer's premier event.

Pitt accepted an invitation to join the USA Bid Committee, the group said Wednesday.

"Soccer is a truly global sport and the opportunity to join the effort to have the U.S. host the world's greatest sporting event again is a great honour," Pitt said in a statement.

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Entertainment in brief

TECHNOLOGY Album release parties were once a way to generate buzz and boost sales of new music. These days, they may be one of the few moneymaking opportunities

left for the music business. Jewel is selling tickets to a live video relay of a performance in which she will play songs from her new album, Sweet and Wild. Fifty U.S. venues,

such as Morton's steakhouses and private clubs owned by ClubCorp, are participating, along with theatres in Australia.

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Taio Cruz

Album: Rokstarr
Label: Universal
Rating: @@@@

THIS R&B dance pop artist, and Rihanna's Umbrella co-writer, is a star in the U.K. and it's hard not to see why. His sophomore record is loaded with instant club hits. Opener Dynamite, and many of the following tunes, is jacked up with soaring choruses and throbbing over-the-top keyboards. He takes a page out of R. Kelly's book on Dirty Pictures, a duet with Ke\$ha about trading naughty photos. While it's got the chart topping formula down to a tee, it lacks personality and substance. It feels like Taio put a few ideas into a hit making machine and this is what popped out.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

The Beauties

Album: The Beauties
Label: Six Shooter Records
Rating: @@@@

A RESIDENCY AT the Dakota Tavern earned the Beauties a reputation as Toronto's best bar band. On-the-edge, dark and creative, this is a band forged out of closing-time jams. It's one thing, however, to impress late night beer drinkers with raw, high-en-



AlbumReviews

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ergy roots rock; another to translate that vibe onto a record. The Beauties pull it off with elan on their debut LP. The first three tracks (Fashion Blues, Without You, Devil Do) could easily fit into the catalogues of Wilco or Son Volt, while extended tracks like Heaviest of the World and You Wish Better With Me beat with the heart of Crazy Horse.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Jack Johnson

Album: To the Sea
Label: Brushfire
Rating: @@@@



MOST PEOPLE HAVE a love-hate relationship with Jack Johnson. One camp thinks his music is incredibly staid, banal acoustic rock. The other loves his mellow vibes and warm rhythms. His latest won't change people's opinions — it's another collection of smooth surfer sounds. The disc starts off strong, with the light infectious rocker You and Your Heart, while the bluesy riff-happy number At or With Me gives Johnson the chance to sound upbeat for a chance.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Royal Wood

Album: The Waiting
Label: MapleMusic
Rating: @@@@

CANADA HAS A great tradition of singer-songwriters from Gordon Lightfoot to Ron Sexsmith. For a while it seemed like Royal Wood was destined to become a piano-driven



Taio Cruz delivers the hits on sophomore album Rokstarr.

THIS RECORDING has no reason to exist. We do not



need an over-the-hill American Idol runnerup crooning maudlin covers of songs that should have been locked away long ago. Moon River? It's Impossible? What Kind of Fool Am I? These are some of the most over-

recorded songs in history. It's not possible to make them fashionable again. Ever. This is an album only Clay Aiken's parents could love. No wonder Simon Cowell quit. He couldn't bare the thought that people might hold him partially responsible for this crap.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

The Acorn

Album: No Ghost
Label: Paper Bag Records
Rating: @@@@

ON 2007'S Glory Hope Mountain, The Acorn brewed up a concept album with such gravitas that you could easily overlook the actual music. Not the case here with No Ghost, on which the band lets expansive, indie-bred folk songs exist independently. With the narrative gone and new members involved, The Acorn's melodic side shines, but Rolf Klausener's lyrics and the more streamlined arrangements pale in comparison to GHM's indigenous flavours. The Acorn seem like a resilient bunch and No Ghost isn't without its stirring moments.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada



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has the sort of vocal delivery that can drift to the back of the mix and, for the most part, Marchand has pushed it forward.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Clay Aiken

Album: Tried and True
Label: Decca/Universal
Rating: @

Montreal inspires Ladies of the Canyon on Haunted Woman

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

Architecture, artistic communities, libation-induced revelry ... Montréal, holds a great deal of reverence for many things. But it's not exactly the first place one would look to glean information on country music's latest rising stars.

However, that's exactly what's happening: Canada's Sin City is becoming renowned for fostering a thriving country scene, spearheaded by Ladies of the Canyon, a fresh-faced quartet comprised of twangy divas Maia Davies (vocals, keyboards, guitar),

Senja Sargeant (vocals, guitar, mandolin), Jasmine Bleile (vocals, guitar) and Anna Ruddick (vocals, bass).

Still, Davies says Quebec is not the nail by which their 10-gallon hats are hung.

"Music is borderless and very accepting," she states bluntly. "I don't think it matters that our music isn't from a traditional country music birthplace because people just love to share in this. It doesn't matter where you're born as long as your love of music is sincere. We're glad to be a part of that and people have been incredibly supportive."

Davies' modesty is quite

the understatement. What she mildly refers to as support has actually been a rumbling tide of ravenous fans chomping at the bit for Ladies of the Canyon's debut Haunted Woman, which was released this week. Blending elements of rock, roots and country via influences such as Bob Dylan, Fleetwood Mac and The Eagles, Haunted Woman appeals to many tastes. Not bad for a group that came together almost by accident.

"We never really thought we were starting a band," Davies admits. "It just kind of happened. The four of us were working at two different bars and met because of the great band scene.



Ladies of the Canyon's debut album, Haunted Woman, is now out.

We'd be playing open stages and met showing up at each others' shows/bars. We just started jamming, became friends and had a

jam night at one house every week."

After years of struggling independently, the collective that is Ladies of the

Canyon has been effortlessly successful in a decidedly short amount of time. Their debut single Follow Me Down is already charting across the nation.

Davies contemplates the strange ease that permeates Ladies of the Canyon's efforts, relegating their appeal to a fine mix of musical diversity.

"We're definitely fans of country but we're not just one style of music. Instead of forcing one word on us, I embrace that diversity. We're four people with so many influences between us, that's a huge part of what makes our sound what it is. We've had to go head-to-head and mesh our influences."

Don't miss the seafood festival

The Catch Nova Scotia Seafood Festival takes place June 19-20 at the Cunard Centre (at Pier 23). The event includes oyster shucking lessons and wine pairing tips. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Visit novascotiaseafoodfestival.com. **VALERIE MANSOUR/FOR METRO HALIFAX**

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It's after 8 p.m. and the dining room at Trendz is empty, so we wander into the more casual and busy bar area. We're welcomed by our server who proves to be among the cheeriest and most charming I've ever encountered.

We sip a local wine, Jost's Leon Millot (\$7), and a Carmen Shiraz (\$6).

The Bruschetta (\$9) — olive oil, basil, olives and tomatoes, baked on pita bread with melted mozzarella cheese on top — tastes fine, but it's luke-

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warm and should have stayed under the grill a while longer.

Crab Cakes (\$19) are pan-roasted with a tasty, spicy remoulade sauce and parmesan risotto. The cheesy risotto is heavenly, but the crab cakes are mushy and over-salted.

The accompanying asparagus and carrots are cooked perfectly.

Rib Eye of Beef (\$25), a 10-oz cut of AAA Angus beef, is medium rare as requested and absolutely delicious, with sautéed onions and mushroom sauce on top. The potato galette is almost too salty to eat.

The dishes are beautifully presented, but less salt would be an appreciated trend.



Top left: Crab Cakes (\$19). Above: Rib Eye of Beef (\$25).

Dining out

SAEGE BACK IN BIZ Saegé Bistro, 5883 Spring Garden Rd., has re-opened after an electrical fire caused a two-week closure. The popular bistro is open everyday except Monday, and serves pizzas, pastas and a variety

of entrees. Visit saegé.ca for more information.

DINE AROUND ONYX, 5680 Spring Garden Rd., is one of several Nova Scotia restaurants participating in Dine Around, The Flavours

of Nova Scotia that is going on until June 18. As part of the program Onyx is offering a \$45 meal with choices including clams, mahi mahi, crab and lobster.

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Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/globalpeasant for a recipe of spotted prawn bisque.

**In brief**

AWARDS Nova Scotia Wineries received 16 awards at the All Canadian Wine Championships including: gold, silver and bronze to Annapolis Highland and Jost Vineyards; silver and bronze to L'Acadie Vineyards and Domaine de Grand Pré; and bronze to Blomidon Estate Winery.

CHEESE PLEASE Fox Hill Farm in Port Williams has a newsletter for cheese fans. Sign up at fox-hillcheesehouse.com where there are also online videos showing their farm and their cheese-making process. The family-run business specializes in cheese, yogurt and gelato.

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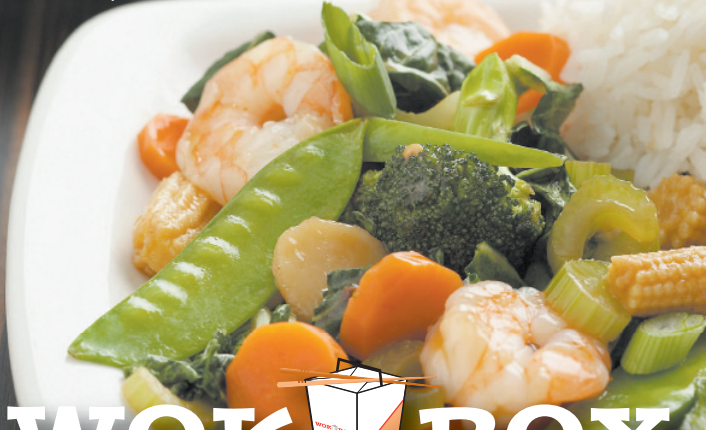


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People magazine is reporting that Glee actress Jane Lynch has married her girlfriend Lara Embry, TVGuide reports. The couple was married Monday in Massachusetts according to People. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Lindsay finds a loophole

WELL, YOU CAN'T SAY SHE'S NOT RESOURCEFUL It hasn't been the best few weeks for Lindsay Lohan. Aside from having to deal with random drug testing and an alcohol-monitoring anklet, the troubled starlet had to have her wisdom teeth pulled. Luckily, she received special permission to take painkillers after the operation, according to TMZ. "We advised the Probation Department of the dental appointment,

which was made well in advance of last week's court hearing," Lohan's lawyer tells the website, adding that they agreed to provide

"documentation about any medications that Lindsay would be taking."



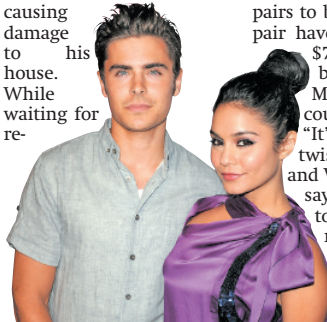
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Separate flooding accidents force High School stars to shack up

ALTHOUGH VANESSA PROVES SHE SHOULD STILL BE LIVING UNDER PARENTAL SUPERVISION A recent pair of flooding accidents at home have forced Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens to get a little closer, according to the National Enquirer. First, Hudgens left a faucet running at her Studio City, Calif., home, forcing her out and doing \$250,000 worth of damage. Then Efron's pool overflowed,

causing damage to his house. While waiting for re-

pairs to be completed, the pair have been sharing a \$7,500-a-month beach house in Malibu — and they couldn't be happier. "It's been a happy twist of fate for Zac and Vanessa," a source says. "They're living together and have never been closer."

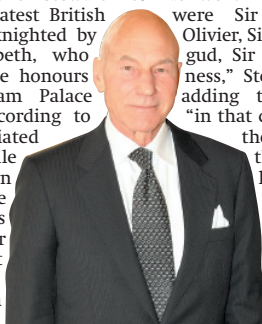


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Former Star Trek captain receives royal recognition

THAT'S SIR CAPTAIN PICARD TO YOU, PEONS Patrick Stewart became the latest British actor to be knighted by Queen Elizabeth, who performed the honours at Buckingham Palace yesterday, according to the Associated Press. While best known around the world for his work on Star Trek: the Next Generation, Stewart is a

widely celebrated stage actor as well. "My heroes were Sir Laurence Olivier, Sir John Gielgud, Sir Alec Guinness," Stewart said, adding that being "in that company is the grandest thing that has professionally happened to me."

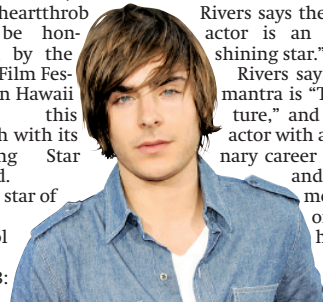


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Film fest to honour Efron

FOR HIS LONG, PROLIFIC AND ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER (THAT CRACK WAS FOR THE MALIBU BEACH HOUSE) In other Efron news, the teen heartthrob will be honoured by the Maui Film Festival in Hawaii later this month with its Shining Star Award.

The star of High School Musical 3:



Senior Year and 17 Again will accept the award June 16, the festival's opening night.

Festival director Barry Rivers says the 22-year-old actor is an "exemplary shining star."

Rivers says this year's mantra is "Trust the Future," and Efron is an actor with an extraordinary career behind him and an even more brilliant one ahead of him.

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Heigl wants to add to her growing brood

AND ALSO, MATCHING BABIES ARE SO IN THIS SEASON

Katherine Heigl is so thrilled with her 9-month-old adopted daughter that she's ready to expand her family again. "We would like to have a second child, adopted or biological. We're not ruling it out," Heigl tells Germany's Gala magazine. "I often plunge into things and hope everything will be alright." She says that if she and husband Josh Kelly did adopt again, they'd likely go to Haiti. "There are so many parent-less children. It breaks my heart. I want to help," she says.



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CelebTweets

LANCE BASS is doing his own PR, **KELLY OSBOURNE** is a brand new mom, and **BILL MAHER** is taking a cue from the Life of Brian and looking on the bright side.

@lancebass I don't like to talk about my personal life, but a lil rumor control since I've been asked A LOT- Kyan Douglas and I are not dating.

@MissKellyO Luke and I are now the parents of a new baby boy called woody he is 1lbs ball fluff I have never seen anything like him. will post pic later

@BillMaher If there's another Korean war do u think at least they'll bring back M*A*S*H?



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Prince Harry ponies up for charity event

DON'T BE SO GLUM, HARRY. THERE'S GOING TO BE LOTS OF CHAMPERS AND RALPH LAUREN MODELS Britain's Prince Harry is once again coming to America.

The 25-year-old will participate in the third annual Veuve Clicquot Polo Classic on June 27 on Governors Is-

land in New York Harbor. He will again face off against Argentine polo player Nacho Figueras, who is also a model for Ralph Lauren.

The event will benefit American Friends of Senegal, the U.S. arm of the global charity co-founded by Harry. The charity supports impoverished children of Lesotho in southern Africa.

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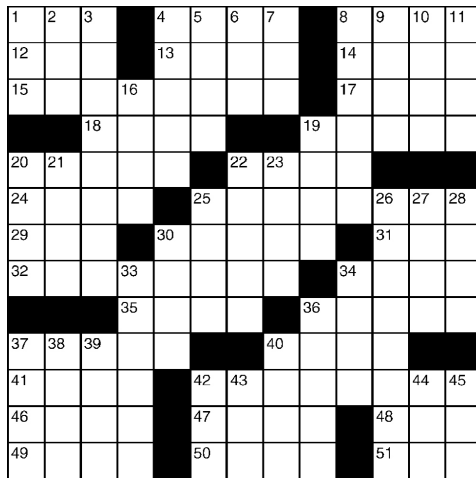
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12 Stick in the water?
13 Big name in jazz
14 All that remained in Pandora's box
15 Sweaters and such
17 Stratagem
18 Restaurant employee
19 Venomous snake
20 Tier
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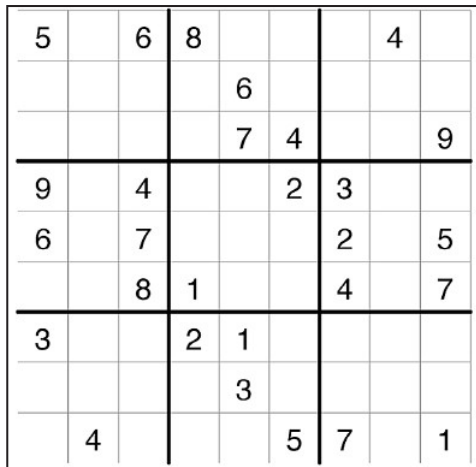
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6 Carte lead-in
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8 Get smaller
9 Masterstroke
10 Church section
11 Milwaukee product
16 Mother of Helios
19 Moral failing
20 Taste a lollipop
21 In due time
22 Trap
23 11th President
25 Record label in TV ads
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28 British conservative
30 Trojan War hero
33 Ducks
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40 Paddock parent
42 Mauna —
43 Gist
44 Prompt
45 Barbie's companion

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Metro Recipe of the Day



Fire Roasted Chicken with Apricot Glaze

Recipe Developed by Paula Bowman
Photo: Carlo Mendoza

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES

COOK TIME: 20 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

1/4 cup apricot jam
3 tbsp cider vinegar
1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper plus more for seasoning
1 garlic clove, minced
1 1/2 lb skinless and boneless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch cubes
2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil, plus more for oiling grill

METHOD:

1. Preheat grill to medium-high.
2. Combine first 4 ingredients together in bowl. Stir until smooth and well blended and set aside.

3. Thread chicken pieces onto 8 metal or presoaked wooden skewers and season with salt and pepper. Lightly brush grill with olive oil, place chicken skewers on grill and cook for 2 minutes. Turn skewers over one quarter turn and baste cooked side with glaze. Continue to cook, basting and turning as needed until cooked through, about 8-9 minutes total.

SERVES 4

• Serve this recipe with Fennel Salad or Arugula Pomegranate Salad and serve Lime Angel Food Cupcakes for dessert! Find the recipes at 20minutesupperclub.com/metro.



Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



If you have not yet been enticed by a new hobby or interest it is just a matter of time. You are on the lookout for new thrills — and you'll find plenty.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Something wonderful is about to happen and you will undoubtedly benefit from the experience. It is unlikely to be a material change.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Something completely unexpected is about to turn your world upside down. You may not be one for surprises but this surprise will be welcome.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



You will be asked to do something you don't like or deal with someone you don't approve of today. If you are smart you will do it.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



This is a time for action, a time to put what you have learned in recent months to good use. You know what you want and you know how to get it.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



A friend or family member may deserve to be criticized today but is it necessary? This may be one of those occasions when it's best to just let it go.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



Ask for help if you need it. Don't try to do it all on your own. You have done no end of favors for friends and relatives in the past. Call them in.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



Don't mess with things you don't understand. That is always good advice but more so today as you encounter a situation that is alien to you.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



Life is never dull when Leo is around and, yes, it seems that others are expecting you to put on a show again. Don't do it if your heart is not in it.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



Fate always guides you in the right direction, regardless of how many detours you take along the way.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



Those who thought they knew you will have to think again as you do something completely unexpected with your life.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



Put yourself in another person's place and imagine how you look to them. If you can you will know why they seem so reluctant to interact with you.

This day in history

1620: Construction of the oldest stone church in French North America, Notre-Dame-des-anges, begins in Quebec City.
1885: In the last military engagement fought on Canadian soil Cree leader Big Bear escapes the North West Mounted Police.
1889: The coast to coast Canadian Pacific Railway is completed.
1989: China sends troops to force protesters out of Tiananmen Square after seven weeks of occupation.
1989: SkyDome is officially opened in Toronto.

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